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SUBJECT: MBFR: FRG VIEWS ON MBFR VERIFICATION

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1. REFTEL REPORTS THAT AMBASSADOR ROTH HAS ASKED WHAT TIMING THE WEASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE IN MIND FOR RECEIVING FRG REACTION TO RECENT US SUGGESTIONS ON VERIFICATION. FROM THE DELEGATION'S POINT OF VIEW, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF ROTH COULD BE TOLD THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE US TO RECEIVE FRG VIEWS BY THE END OF MAY AND THAT WHAT THE US HAS IN MIND IF THE FRG APPROVES THE GENERAL APPROACH IN PRINCIPLE IS TO SUBMIT A SHORT DRAFT GUIDANCE TO THE SPC BY MID-JUNE IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE AD HOC GROUP TO INCLUDE THAT GUIDANCE IN INFORMAL AND PLENARY

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PRESENTATIONS BY MID-JULY DURING THE PRESENT ROUND

IN VIENNA.

2. WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND IS A TWO-PARAGRAPH GUIDANCE TO THE AD HOC GROUP WHICH WOULD USE MUCH OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE CURRENT US PAPER WITHOUT GOING INTO FURTHER DETAIL. LIMITING THE TREATMENT TO THIS LEVEL OF GENERALITY WOULD PERMIT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE FRG WHICH COULD PROVIDE BACKGROUND FOR MORE INTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL WITH THE EAST DURING THE FALL ROUND.

3. IF ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ALLIES LET THE PRESENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATION GO BY WITHOUT PUTTING DOWN A CLEAR MARKER ON VERIFICATION AND THEN BECOME ENGAGED IN MORE INTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF REDUCTION PROPOSALS WITH THE EAST THROUGH INTRODUCTION OF OPTION 3, THIS WILL MEAN A HIGH RISK THAT ANY VERIFICATION PROPOSALS THE WEST MAKES WILL BE SHOVED INTO THE BACKGROUND AND TAKEN UP ONLY AT THE END OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IF THIS IS THE CASE, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE CONCEPT NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION WILL BE DROPPED WITHOUT A REAL FIGHT OWING TO THE FACT THAT THE ALLIES HAVE ALREADY AGREED IN CM(73)83 THAT GROUND OBSERVATION IS NOT ESSENTIAL.

4. BECAUSE WE THINK THAT AGREEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF THE PRESENT US SUGGESTION WOULD BRING A REAL SECURITY GAIN FOR THE WEST, AND BECAUSE THERE IS A FIGHTING CHANCE THAT THE EAST WOULD ACCEPT IT IF THE IDEA WERE NOT INTRODUCED TOO LATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, SOME GENERAL ALLIED DESCRIPTION OF THIS APPROACH SHOULD BE PUT DOWN IN THE PRESENT ROUND IN VIENNA IF THE IDEA IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE FRG AND OTHER ALLIES.

5. AS A MORE GENERAL POINT REGARDING GROUND OBSERVERS, WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT WILL BE FEASIBLE TO INTRODUCE ANY WESTERN PROPOSAL ON GROUND OBSERVATION INTO THE VIENNA TALKS AFTER AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON REDUCTIONS IS REACHED WITH ANY PROSPECT OF ITS ACCEPTANCE BY THE EAST. TO INTRODUCE SUCH A PROPOSAL WHILE DIS-

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CUSSION OF REDUCTIONS IS IN PROGRESS WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE FROM THE NEGOTIATING VIEWPOINT SINCE IT IS LIKELY TO HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THAT DISCUSSION. HENCE, IF THE WEST IS GOING TO PRESENT ANY PROPOSAL ON MANNED OBSERVATION IN THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, IT SHOULD BE DONE SOON. RESOR

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